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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Algiers—Typhus fever at Bona extinct.

Consul Johnston reports, June 30, as follows:

The outbreak of typhus fever at Bona, reported June 10, was promptly stamped out. The prison in which the outbreak occurred was evacuated and disinfected. Only 1 case proved fatal. The disease is believed to have completely disappeared.

Report from Cape Town—Examination of rodents for plague infection at East London.

The following is received from the medical officer of health for the Colony, under date of June 8, 1906:

East London.—Week ended June 16, 1906: 95 rodents, of which 9 were found dead, bacteriologically examined. No plague infection found.

ARGENTINA.

Report from Buenos Ayres—Medical conference called to study leprosy and to formulate measures for combating the disease—Summary of smallpox and statistics of vaccination.

Chargé d'affaires ad interim White reports, June 14, as follows:

The development in the littoral provinces of leprosy has assumed such proportions that the national government has seen fit to call a special medical conference to study the disease and to suggest measures for combating it.

Smallpox has been prevalent in a large part of the country. In the northern provinces, notably Corrientes, it has been extensively epidemic. In the capital it has spread unchecked from the beginning of the year, and with remarkable rapidity during the four months from February to May. The following figures are furnished by the public health service of the city:

Month.	1905.			1906.		
	Cases.	Deaths.	Per cent of deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Per cent of deaths.
January.....	161	29	18.0	136	61	44.8
February.....	155	28	18.0	200	58	29.0
March.....	220	52	23.6	359	110	30.6
April.....	163	41	25.0	445	153	34.0
May.....	199	49	24.6	557	172	30.8
Total.....	898	199	22.0	1,697	554	32.6
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Increase.....				799	355	44.0

Vaccinations made by the public health service during the months from January to May, 1906, are reported as follows:

Months.	Vaccina- tions.	Revaccina- tions.
January.....	3, 246	3, 106
February.....	3, 600	6, 760
March.....	6, 914	11, 412
April.....	7, 090	9, 730
May.....	9, 931	25, 148
Total.....	30, 781	56, 156

Total vaccinations, 86,937.

On the 8th instant, by executive decree, the National Department of Hygiene was authorized to proceed to apply Article II of Law No. 4202, providing for compulsory vaccination.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague and small-pox—No yellow fever present—Improved sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, June 21 and 28, as follows:

Week ended the 24th instant. No vessels left this port requiring inspection, nor were any bills of health issued by the American consulate-general.

Mortality.—Week ended June 17, 1906. Total deaths, 263. No deaths from yellow fever, plague, or variola. There were no cases reported of either yellow fever or plague during the week, but 1 case of variola was reported. At the end of the week there were no cases of yellow fever, plague, or variola in the Hospital São Sebastião; 13 cases regarded as suspicious were under observation.

There have been no cases or deaths caused by yellow fever for more than three weeks in this city, no plague for a few days over two weeks, and but 2 cases of variola during the past two weeks, with no deaths from this disease.

During the week ended the 17th instant the following-named vessels left this port for United States ports, were inspected and received bills of health from this consulate-general. On the 11th instant the British steamship *Italian Prince* for New York with a cargo of coffee, no passengers of any class from here, and with no change in the personnel of the crew, and on the 16th instant the British steamship *Terence*, with a cargo of coffee for New York, 16 steerage and 8 first-class passengers from this port for its port of destination.

Mortality.—Week ended June 24, 1906. Total deaths during the week, 227. Plague caused 1 death, with 4 new cases. No cases or deaths from yellow fever or from variola.

At the close of the week there were, in the Hospital São Sebastião, 2 cases of plague, no cases of yellow fever or of variola, and 5 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

This is the fifth week since there has been a case or death from yellow fever, a condition not prevailing here for many years. The city is freer from mosquitoes of all varieties than it has ever been known to be.